WEAK SOLVABILITY FOR A CLASS OF CONTACT PROBLEMS*

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Abstract

A unilateral frictionless contact model, under the small deformations hypothesis, for static processes is considered. We model the behavior of the material by a constitutive law stated in a subdifferential form. The contact is described with Signorini's condition. Our study focuses on the weak solvability of the model, based on a weak formulation with dual Lagrange multipliers.

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1 Introduction

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The purpose of this paper is to investigate the weak solvability of a unilateral frictionless contact problem using a technique with dual Lagrange multipliers. The weak formulations with *dual Lagrange multipliers* allow to write

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